



## Economic Overview And Outlook: Rhode Island

### JOBS

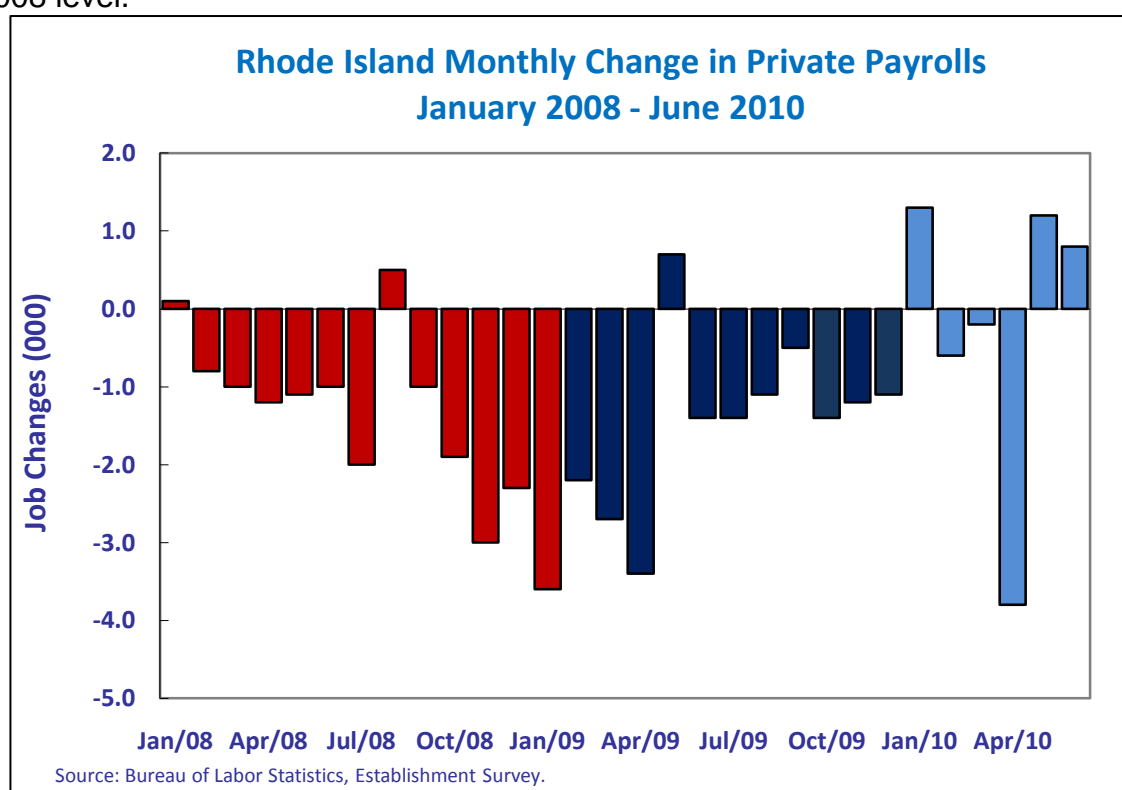
- Across the country, the private sector gained jobs in each month of 2010.
- The President's Council of Economic Advisers estimates that investments made through the Recovery Act have boosted employment in Rhode Island by 11,000 jobs through the 2nd quarter of 2010.
- In Rhode Island, private sector employment fell by 8.0 percent from December 2007 to December 2009. In 2010 private sector employment was basically unchanged at -0.3 percent.
- In Rhode Island, employees in the construction, manufacturing, and trade, transportation and utilities sectors faced the largest job losses (as a percent of employment within an industry) over the recession. In 2010, the following sectors in Rhode Island experienced the greatest employment increases: leisure and hospitality; other services; and financial activities.\*
- As the economy recovers from the Great Recession, service-providing industries are projected to add the most jobs between 2008 and 2018, with the largest gains in professional and business services, education, health care and social assistance, and State and local government. Within the goods-producing sector of the economy, only the construction industry is projected to add jobs above its 2008 level.

### EMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Rhode Island was 12.0 percent in June 2010, up 6.0 percentage points from December 2007, but down from its most recent peak of 12.7 percent reached in February 2010.
- 69,000 Rhode Island residents were counted among the unemployed in Rhode Island during June 2010.

### EARNINGS

- Between the start of the recession in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the 1st quarter of 2009, inflation-adjusted total personal income in the United States declined 2.5 percent. Most recently, in the 1st quarter of 2010, total personal income remained 2.6 percent below the 4th quarter 2007 peak.



- Real per capita personal income (in 2005 \$) in Rhode Island was \$37,926.60 in the 1st quarter of 2010, down from \$37,944.50 in the 1st quarter of 2008.

### HOUSING

- National home prices, including distressed sales, saw a significant improvement of 2.6 percent in April 2010 from April 2009 compared to 2.3 in February. In Rhode Island, home prices experienced saw a significant improvement of 3.6 percent in April 2010 from April 2009 compared with March's year over year increase of 1.2 percent.
- The median price of single-family homes in Rhode Island was \$277,500 in 2008, compared to \$250,000 nationwide.
- As of the 1st quarter of 2010, 3.6 percent of all mortgages, including 13.3 percent of subprime mortgages, were in foreclosure in Rhode Island.
- Housing starts in Rhode Island totaled 890 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in May 2010, remained steady at 0.0 percent from April.
- Within the Northeast census region, which includes Rhode Island, sales of new single-family homes totaled 28,000 units in May 2010, a decrease of 33.3 percent from April. Sales of existing single-family homes decreased 16.5 percent to 660,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from April to May 2010.

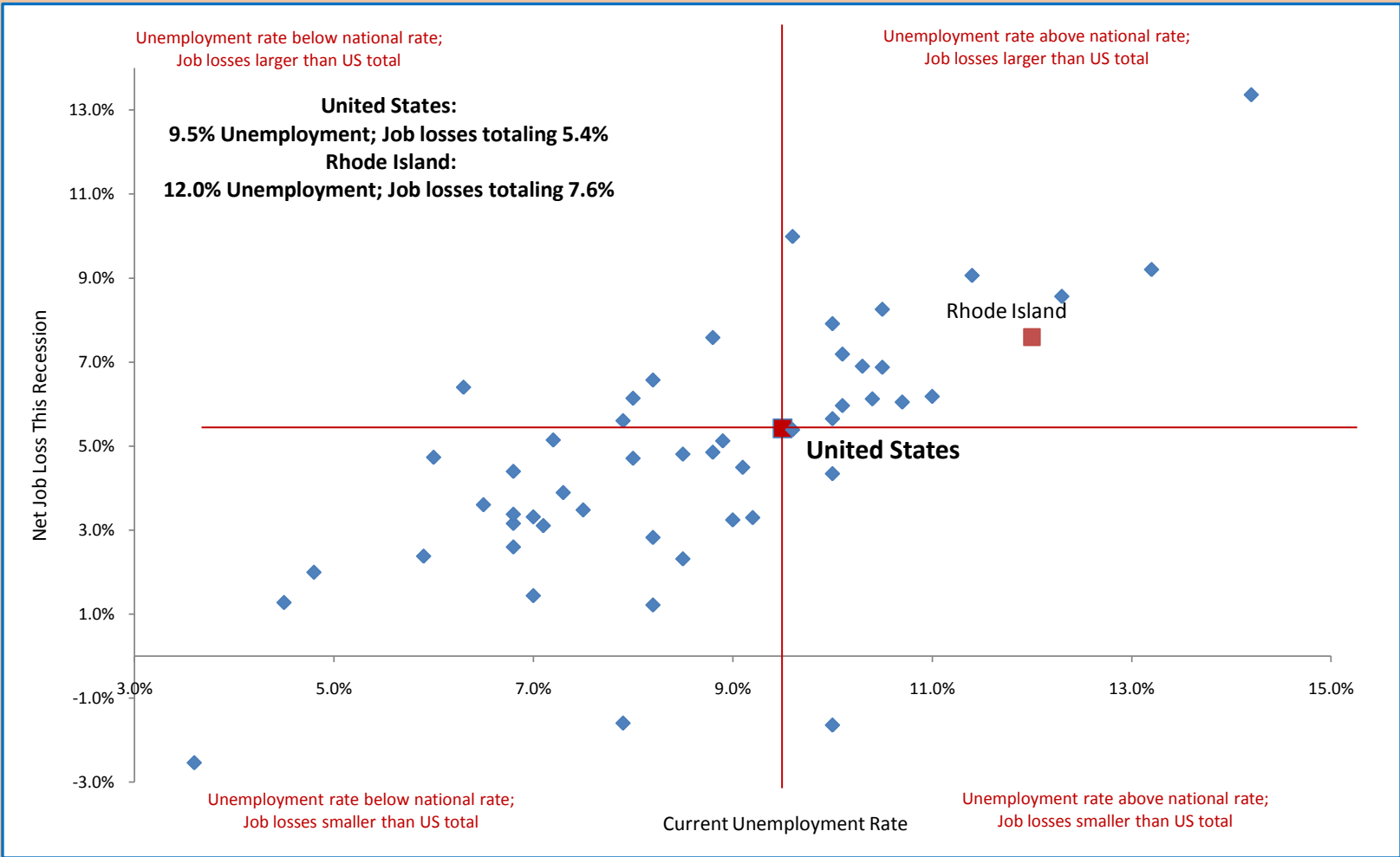
\* For Rhode Island-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Rhode Island office: <http://www.dlt.ri.gov/lmi/news/lrelease.htm>

## How Does Rhode Island Compare To Other States?

Workers across the country have been hard hit by the Great Recession. This chart allows you to compare Rhode Island to other states using two metrics.

The current unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor market conditions faced by residents, while the proportion of jobs lost within Rhode Island over the course of the recession (shown along the vertical axis) measures the toll the recession has taken on the job supply in Rhode Island.

States falling in the upper right quadrant have lost a disproportionate share of jobs, relative to the total United States, and have unemployment rates higher than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower left quadrant have unemployment rates lower than the national average and smaller job losses over the recession.



### STATE QUICK FACTS

		Rhode Island	United States
Unemployment Rates .....	June 2008	7.5%	5.5%
	June 2009	11.1%	9.5%
	June 2010	12.0%	9.5%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans .....	2008	10.1%	9.8%
Veterans' Unemployment Rate .....	2009	10.2%	8.1%
Median Household Income .....	2000	\$ 53,968	\$ 52,532
	(2008 \$) 2008	\$ 54,767	\$ 51,233
Poverty Rate .....	2000	10.1%	11.6%
	2008	11.1%	12.9%
No Health Insurance .....	2000	6.6%	13.9%
	2008	11.3%	15.3%